REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Addendum # 1



Department Of Executive Services Finance and Business Operations Division **Procurement and Contract Services Section** 206-684-1681 TTY RELAY: 711

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RFP Title: Recyclables Hauling & Processing / Marketing Services

King County Department of Natural Resources & Parks -Requesting Dept./ Div.:

Solid Waste Division

RFP Number: 144-04RLD

Due Date: August 26, 2004 - no later than 2:00 P.M.

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1. The proposal opening date remains the same: Thursday, August 26, 2004, no later than 2:00 p.m. exactly.

2. The sign in sheet from the August 17, 2004 pre-proposal conference is available by contacting Roy L. Dodman at roy.dodman@metrokc.gov or Cathy M. Betts at cathy.betts@metrokc.gov. This document is available as either a fax document or via e-mail. If you wish to have the document faxed to you, please include your fax number in your request.

The following information is provided in response to questions discussed at the pre-proposal conference and/or received by King County:

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TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD OF A CONTRACT, THIS ADDEMDUM MUST BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO KING COUNTY

Sealed proposals will only be received by:

King County Procurement Services Section, Exchange Building, 8th floor, 821 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1598. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

Company Name

Address		City / State / Postal Code	
Authorized Representative / Title	Signature	Phone	Fax
Company Contact / Title	Email	Phone	Fax

This Request for Proposal – Addendum will be provided in alternative formats such as Braille, large print, audiocassette or computer disk for individuals with disabilities upon request.

- Q1: What are the current hauls per site per month?
- A1: Estimated hauls based on past activity are:

Collection Site	Average Monthly Hauls
Bow Lake	105
Cedar Falls	25
Enumclaw	35
Factoria	50
FNE	90
Houghton	60
Renton	75
Skykomish	5
Snoqualmie	5
Vashon	30

- Q2: What is the current value received per commodity?
- A2: Currently we receive the following values by commodity:

Value	Commodity
\$25 per ton	Tin
	Aluminum
	Cardboard
	Newspaper
	Plastic
\$10 per ton	Mixed Paper

- Q3: What is the value of the contract?
- A3: The basic recyclables hauling and processing/marketing services are budgeted for 2004 at \$460,000. For 2005 the estimate submitted for budgeting processing is \$662,000. These are each, the estimated costs of hauls net of value received for recyclable materials collected.
- Q4: Section I, Item I reads that "...a fixed price/prices will be negotiated." As you know, recyclable commodity markets fluctuate from month to month. Can the pricing each month be determined by a fixed adjustment to the each month's current market price?
- A4: This is a standard policy of the County. It's primary intent of this item is to declare that the County will not enter into a contract where pricing factors are not known or not estimated.

The RFP does not restrict the basis of pricing to be included in the proposal except to require inclusion of "prices, as applicable, for...material received and/or processed (per ton)" (Section II, Part 7). If the Proposer chooses to base their pricing on a fixed adjustment to each month's current market price, that Proposer shall provide an estimate of total annual value based on their knowledge or experience with market rates/fluctuations and the estimated annual recyclables (tons) included in Section II, Part 1. Final pricing will be determined in the contract negotiation phase.

- Q5: In Section II, you reference transfer stations in Algona and Factoria. Are there recycling bins at those locations? If so, what are the commodities and tonnages currently collected there? If not, would you like recycling bins at those locations?
- A5: No, space constraints at these two particular transfer stations plus the Household Hazardous Waste collection program at Factoria prohibit the collection of basic recyclables at these sites for at least present consideration.
- Q6: I believe it was described that there are 90-100 recycling bins in the system, not including the OCC bins you rent from Rabanco? Who owns those 90-100 recycling bins? The Division or the hauling contractor?
- A6: The Division owns approximately 80 bins for the collection of basic recyclable materials. Other bins owned by the Division include yard/wood waste and appliance collection boxes.
- Q7: With curbside recycling in place throughout most of the county, have you seen a decline in tonnages over the past few years, or in the past year? Could you make available a history of tons collected for each grade, by year, by transfer station?
- A7: Our experience has been a slight decline in collection of mixed paper and newspaper, but an increase in cardboard and tin/aluminum/plastic/glass. Detailed information, by transfer station, can be obtained from the King County Solid Waste Division Annual Reports, Tables A-9. The past two years reports can be viewed at http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/PUBLICAT/annreports_past.htm.
- Q8: What does CFC stand for?
- A8: Chlorofluorocarbons (a refrigerant).
- Q9: Has any thought been put into which metals you'd like to collect and what would be realistic? Ferrous or non-ferrous?
- A9: No.
- Q10: In Section II, Part 4, you request documentation regarding the sites where material may be processed outside the U.S. Much of the recyclable paper is shipped to mills in Asian from this area. How has this requirement been met in the past? Do you have any more specific ideas about what you'd like to see from vendors in meeting this requirement?
- A10: Where the Processing/Marketing Contractor processes material collected from King County at a facility outside the United States, such documentation stated in Section II, Part 4 would be required. Restated, this item pertains to processing by the County's Processing/Marketing Contractor at a foreign facility and not processing of such material by another entity to whom that Contractor sold those materials.